ORDER OF SERVICE November 26, 2023

Ingathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "In My Life"

John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn "Here We Have Gathered" (verses 1&2)

No. 360 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting

Unison Affirmation

Love is the doctrine of this church,

The quest for truth its sacrament,

And service its prayer.

To dwell together in peace,

To seek knowledge in freedom,

To serve human need,

To the end that all souls shall

grow into harmony with the divine —

Thus do we covenant

with each other and with God.

Joys and Sorrows

Musical Response "Here We Have Gathered" (verse 3)

No. 360 [STLT]

Reading from "Friendship" Ralph Waldo Emerson

Reflection "Friendsgiving" Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Meditation

Offertory Gnossienne No. 1 Erik Satie

Our 50/50 split this month benefits **St. Stephen's Food Pantry** in Lynn.

We share our Sunday morning offering each month with an organization that is dedicated to alleviating human suffering or oppression. The collection will benefit both the church and organization:

- all loose cash in the collection plates will be split on a 50/50 basis between the church and the organization
- checks payable to the church will go only to the church—and toward your pledge—unless otherwise designated (e.g. writing "50/50" on the memo line)
- all checks payable to the organization will go to the organization

Candles of Hope and Healing

Sending Forth "Red Brocade" Naomi Shihab Nye

*Closing Hymn "Break Not the Circle" No. 323 [STLT]

Benediction

Congregational Response: Amen

Postlude Pensées d'Automne Mélanie Bonis

^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

David Collins, Keyboard

WE ARE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

that gathers to explore deeper truths together,
to support one another through the complexities and struggles
of daily life, and to serve the greater good by becoming
more compassionate in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Join with us to cultivate reverence, peacefulness,
and an ethic of loving engagement with the world.

We are so glad that you're here today,

whether you are a devoted member or a new visitor.

We hope to be a spiritual community

you will consider becoming part of.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall (to your right, as you exit the Sanctuary) after the service.

A reminder: Fair Trade food items will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall during Fellowship Hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit **uucql.orq** for more information and additional announcements.

Food Drive

Throughout the month of November

The Social Justice Ministry Team is holding a food drive to benefit St. Stephen's Food Pantry in Lynn. You can help by dropping food off in the bins located in the church foyer. Please donate any of the following items: peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, or canned vegetables.

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, November 26 | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary Registration required; see uucgl.org

Pizza Community Meal

Sunday, November 26 | 5pm | Parish Hall Sign up at uucgl.org

Tai Chi Class (Intermediate Level)

Tuesday, November 28 | 11am | Parish Hall

Tailwinds

Wednesday, November 29 | 6:30pm | Parish Hall Live raptor presentation for all ages! Save your seat at uucgl.org

Dialogue Group

Wednesday, November 29 | 8-9pm | Zoom

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, December 2 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Annual Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 3 | 10am

Holly Jolly Sunday

Sunday, December 10 | 10am

Attend the debut of our children's winter video pageant during worship, then all ages are invited to help prepare some treats and cheer for the Lynn Shelter Association's holiday party (please RSVP at uucgl.org, this will be catered!)

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, December 10 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Skylight Room

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, December 12 | 12–1:30pm | Hawthorne Hotel, Salem

Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES)

Thursday, December 14 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

Holiday Party for Lynn Shelter Association SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 16 | 6pm | Knights of Columbus hall, KOC Hall, Lynn